



USDA WEEKLY NATIONAL LAMB MARKET SUMMARY

Livestock, Meat, Wool, Pelt, & International Markets

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National Sheep Summary

WEEKLY TRENDS: Compared to last week slaughter lambs steady to 5.00 lower, except in Pennsylvania 6.00-8.00 higher; slaughter ewes weak to as much as 10.00 lower; feeder lambs mostly steady. At San Angelo, TX 11,099 head sold in a one day sale. Equity Electronic Auction sold 950 slaughter lambs in Iowa and Wisconsin.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 90-160 lbs:
San Angelo: shorn and woolled 90-130 lbs 85.00-91.00; 130-150 lbs 80.00-87.00.
Midwest: shorn 93.00-97.00; woolled 88.00-96.00.
Eastern Area (VA & PA): woolled 80.00-95.00, new crop 95.00-97.00 in VA and in PA 80-100 lbs 116.00-128.00; 100-140 lbs 95.00-104.00; 140-170 lbs 82.00-90.00.
Inter Mt Area (CO, WY & MT): woolled 90-120 lbs 92.00-95.00; 135-145 lbs 85.00-87.00.
Oklahoma: shorn and woolled 84.00-93.00.
Kalona, IA: no test.
South Dakota: no test.
Missouri: 88.00-93.00.
Equity Elec: shorn and woolled 98.25-100.00.

Direct Trading: (lambs fob with 3-4 percent shrink or equivalent):
TX: 8500: Feeder Lambs new crop 70-100 lbs 105.00-110.00; 100-110 lbs 100.00-104.00.
NM: 800: Slaughter Ewes Utility 1-2 35.00-38.00.
CA: 22000: Feeder Lambs new crop 90-125 lbs 105.00 for May to July delivery.
500: Feeder lambs new crop 115 lbs 101.00.
400: Slaughter Ewes Utility and Good 1-3 40.00.
900: Replacement Ewes whiteface ewe lambs 105.00 per head.
AZ: 8000: Feeder lambs new crop 110-120 lbs 105.00 for April delivery; 100.00-105.00 for May delivery.
MN: 1800: Feeder lambs new crop 80-85 lbs 127.00 del; new crop 100 lbs 109.00 del.
ID: 1400: Replacement Ewes Yearling whiteface 153.00 per head.
NE: 300: Slaughter Ewes Utility 1-2 30.00.
Eastern Cornbelt: 800: Slaughter Lambs 90-125 lbs 89.00-93.00, few 96.00; 125-140 lbs 85.00-89.00; 30-60 lbs 109.00-110.00; 60-80 lbs 95.00-100.00, few 92.00.
Slaughter Ewes Utility and Good 1-3 35.00-42.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 25.00-35.00.

Slaughter Ewes:
San Angelo: Good and Choice 2-4 27.00-38.50; Good 2-3 39.00-49.00; Utility and Good 1-3 49.00-55.00; Utility 1-2 36.00-49.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 27.00-38.00.
Midwest: Utility and Good 1-3 30.00-39.50; Cull 1 20.00-31.00.
Pennsylvania: Utility and Good 1-3 100-130 lbs 31.00-39.00; 130-200 lbs 28.00-30.00; 200-320 lbs 24.00-30.00.
Ft. Collins: Good and Choice 3-5 145-185 lbs 28.00-35.00, 200-270 lbs 17.00-27.00; Utility and Good 1-3 25.50-31.00; Utility 1-2 19.00-24.00; Cull 1 9.00.
Oklahoma: Utility and Good 1-3 32.00-42.00.
Kalona: Good 2-3 100-200 lbs 24.00-34.00, 200-250 lbs 22.00-29.00; Utility 1-2 17.00-26.00.
Billings, MT: Good 2-3 no test; Utility 1-2 no test; Cull 1 no test.
So Dakota: Utility and Good 1-3 32.25-32.50; Cull 1 21.50.
Missouri: Utility and Good 1-3 100-130 lbs 30.00-37.00; 170-215 lbs 25.00-28.00.
Virginia: Choice 2-4 20.00; Utility and Good 1-3 26.00; Cull Utility 1-2 23.00.

Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2:
San Angelo: 70-90 lbs 98.00-100.00; 90-110 lbs 94.00-99.00; new crop 40-60 lbs 110.00-116.00; 60-70 lbs 108.00-114.00; 70-80 lbs 107.50-115.50; 80-90 lbs 105.00-112.50; 90-110 lbs 102.50-109.50.
Midwest: 40-55 lbs 119.00-121.00; 60-80 lbs 90.00-100.00; 80-100 lbs 80.00-110.00; 100-115 lbs 97.00-97.50.

Virginia: no test.
Intermt area: 90-100 lbs 91.00-97.00; 105 lbs 91.00; new crop 45-60 lbs 106.00-121.00; 60-65 lbs 112.00-114.00; 80-85 lbs 113.00-115.00.
Oklahoma: 40-65 lbs 98.00-106.00; 70-95 lbs 92.00-100.00.
Kalona: 30-40 lbs 91.00-102.00; 40-50 lbs 100.00-118.00; 50-60 lbs 98.00-115.00; 60-70 lbs 99.00-104.00; 70-80 lbs 95.00-102.00; 80-95 lbs 98.00-100.00.
So Dakota: set 110 lbs 91.00.
Missouri: 30-40 lbs 110.00-136.00; 50-60 lbs 105.00-119.00; 70-80 lbs 97.50-114.00; 80-90 lbs 90.00-94.00; 90-105 lbs 94.00-106.00.

Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2:
San Angelo: Ewes and lambs 42.00-48.00 per head.
Ft. Collins: Aged whiteface 45.00-57.50 per head.
Billings, MT: no test.
Kalona: no test.
So Dakota: Bred baby tooth 117.50 per head; bred baby tooth to solid mouth 113.00-117.00 per head; bred solid mouth 107.00-109.00 per head; bred short solid mouth 88.00-90.00 per head.
Missouri: Young 90-165 lbs 36.00-41.50 cwt.
Oklahoma: no test.

CENTRAL LAMB CARCASS REPORT

Carlot volume negotiated sales for delivery within 14 calendar days, FOB Plant basis, hind trotters-off. Central includes CO, IA, TX.

Compared to last Friday: Carcass Lamb 45 lbs. up 1.66-5.70 lower.

FRI CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 1-4		Head 5,584	
Weight	Head	Price Range	Wt Avg
30-DN	2	320.00 - 320.00	320.00
30-40#	0	-	-
40-45#	34	190.00 - 190.00	190.00
45-50#	63	190.00 - 198.00	192.98
50-55#	61	190.00 - 198.00	192.84
55-60#	423	190.00 - 198.00	192.19
60-65#	419	190.00 - 198.00	192.20
65-75#	2,508	190.00 - 198.00	191.73
75-85#	1,572	190.00 - 198.00	192.57
85-UP	502	190.00 - 197.00	192.78

* SAT-FRI CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 1-4		Head 16,077	
Weight	Head	Price Range	Wt Avg
30-DN	2	320.00 - 320.00	320.00
30-40#	51	202.00 - 220.00	211.61
40-45#	201	190.00 - 220.00	197.00
45-50#	408	190.00 - 210.00	194.44
50-55#	503	190.00 - 210.00	194.99
55-60#	1,600	190.00 - 202.00	193.40
60-65#	1,914	190.00 - 202.00	192.62
65-75#	6,077	190.00 - 202.00	191.93
75-85#	4,003	190.00 - 202.00	192.90
85-UP	1,318	190.00 - 198.00	192.74

* Weekly quotes shown on Friday only *

Total Certified Schedule CL Lambs for the W/E 3/29/03 is 2,173.
Total Certified Schedule CL Lambs for the W/E 3/22/03 was 2,528.
Certified CL#'s provided by Meat Grading, Certification Branch

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

SLAUGHTER LAMBS

Latest Last Wk Last Yr

San Angelo, TX

88.00 94.50 62.50

El Reno, OK

88.50 N/A 50.00

Ft. Collins, CO

86.50 89.50 65.00

SLAUGHTER EWES

Latest Last Wk Last Yr

San Angelo, TX

42.50 45.50 37.50

St. Onge, Newell, SD

32.50 34.25 31.50

Ft. Collins, CO

28.50 38.00 20.00

Sioux Falls, SD

36.00 36.00 29.00

FEEDER LAMBS

Latest Last Wk Last Yr

San Angelo, TX

106.75 106.50 73.50

St. Onge, Newell, SD

N/Q 96.50 76.00

Ft. Collins, CO

115.00 112.00 90.00

CARCASS LAMB

FOB PLANT WT AVG

LastWeek Latest

30-Dn . 320.00

30-40# 201.90 211.61

40-45# 191.82 197.00

45-50# 194.79 194.44

50-55# 196.25 194.99

55-60# 193.76 193.40

60-65# 194.37 192.62

65-75# 192.78 191.93

75-85# 193.50 192.90

85-Up 193.44 192.74

Last Year

30-Dn#

30-40#

40-45# 154.89

45-50# 147.13

50-55# 145.26

55-60# 143.31

60-65# 143.10

65-75# 139.66

75-85# 134.06

85-Up 114.16

National Boxed Lamb Cuts

NATIONAL 5-DAY ROLLING AVG BOXED LAMB CUTS - NEGOTIATED SALES
FOB Plant basis negotiated sales for delivery within 0--21 day period,
fresh and frozen carlot volume, including sales since last report, U.S.
dollars per 100 pounds.

Current Volume -

Fresh Cuts 1,569,423 pounds
Frozen Cuts 415,539 pounds

Items with no entries indicate non-reportable trades.

FRESH CHOICE & PRIME CUTS

IMPS	Sub-Primal	# OF Trades	Total Pound	Weighted Average	Change from Prior Days
200A	Carcass, 3-way, 55/dn	5	668	\$249.07	1.94
200A	Carcass, 3-way, 55/65	13	5,940	\$233.02	0.63
200A	Carcass, 3-way, 65/up	3	460	\$244.04	0.00
202	Foresaddle	26	5,611	\$147.00	-0.08
204	Rack, 8-Rib, light	63	13,644	\$640.93	-7.60
204	Rack, 8-Rib, medium	49	14,843	\$672.47	-9.03
204	Rack, 8-Rib, heavy	19	7,178	\$690.70	-8.22
204A	Rack, chined	44	10,287	\$805.94	-11.44
204B	Rack, roast-ready	24	8,736	\$1,084.43	11.93
204C	Rack, rst-rdy, frnchd	98	17,165	\$1,305.11	12.74
204D	Rack, rst-rdy, spcl	6	1,533	\$1,777.68	-78.88
206	Shoulders	68	113,985	\$131.75	-3.71
207	Shoulders, sq-cut	158	187,700	\$160.40	-0.87
208	Shoulders, sq-cut, bn	8	11,299	\$358.47	-0.39
209	Breast	85	57,069	\$59.94	1.60
209A	Ribs, Breast bns off	5	607	\$226.82	14.62
210	Foreshank	202	50,871	\$228.75	-1.01
229	Hindsaddle, long-cut	10	2,253	\$305.96	-2.45
230	Hindsaddle	10	7,428	\$245.31	-0.58
231	Loins	25	1,961	\$298.77	43.43
232	Loins, trimmed 4x4	124	27,132	\$400.46	-3.06
232	Loins, trimmed 1x1	12	8,464	\$612.88	-9.84
232	Loins, trimmed 0x0	16	12,660	\$606.90	1.65
232A	Loins, short-cut, 2x2	17	7,894	\$396.89	1.08
232A	Loins, short-cut, 1x1	45	46,186	\$563.98	4.05
232A	Loins, short-cut, 0x0	19	7,928	\$683.82	-21.54
232C	Loin, bnls, tied	11	216	\$1,158.93	16.67
232E	Flank, untrimmed	8	4,496	\$49.80	0.06
233	Legs	114	53,280	\$235.94	0.55
233A	Leg, trotter-off	167	187,024	\$245.70	-0.93
233C	Leg, trtr-off, pt bn	46	38,430	\$355.94	-4.30
233E	Leg, steamship	19	11,887	\$305.36	-1.51
233F	Hindshank	83	22,559	\$257.01	5.03
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	140	94,114	\$373.86	-0.76
234A	Leg, shank off, bnls	34	9,374	\$406.70	-6.01
234B	Leg, 2-way bnls	13	4,404	\$364.29	4.79
234E	Leg, inside, bnls	63	12,216	\$446.50	8.14
234G	Sirloin, boneless	12	1,423	\$416.61	-0.04
235	Back	3	930	\$372.29	-1.96
236	Back, trimmed	14	3,393	\$566.73	-10.25
238	Trimnings	18	1,731	\$152.67	0.92
239	Special trimmings	9	3,155	\$177.31	-3.73
295	Lamb for stewing	26	4,819	\$332.36	-8.73
296	Ground lamb	53	9,537	\$271.75	0.94

FROZEN CHOICE & PRIME CUTS

IMPS	Sub-Primal	# OF Trades	Total Pound	Weighted Average	Change from Prior Days
204	Rack, 8-Rib, light	5	15,090	\$581.00	-21.93
204	Rack, 8-Rib, medium	7	18,009	\$634.62	-22.99
209	Breast	8	145,219	\$45.21	-0.03
210	Foreshank	7	1,164	\$256.40	-0.67
232	Loins, trimmed 4x4	3	13,805	\$271.48	0.00
232	Loins, trimmed 1x1	3	18,774	\$466.75	-3.50
232E	Flank, untrimmed	3	50,176	\$31.06	0.00
233A	Leg, trotter-off	15	14,305	\$192.02	5.63
233F	Hindshank	4	1,341	\$258.50	-3.79
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	22	25,813	\$263.23	3.02
234A	Leg, shank off, bnls	5	7,899	\$346.29	3.00
234E	Leg, inside, bnls	23	1,933	\$471.94	0.76
238	Trimnings	4	41,680	\$30.51	0.00
295	Lamb for stewing	5	2,280	\$190.60	7.98
296	Ground lamb	11	1,488	\$190.50	-20.00

Wednesday National Lamb Carcass Report

Carlot volume negotiated sales for delivery within 14 calendar days,
FOB Plant basis, hind trotters-off.

Items with no entries indicate non-reportable trades.

CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 1-4		Head	17,897
Weight	Head	Price Range	Wt Avg
30-DN	15	369.00 - 445.00	389.80
30-40#	81	157.00 - 354.00	233.89
40-45#	168	157.00 - 302.00	208.49
45-50#	462	190.00 - 278.00	202.53
50-55#	616	190.00 - 264.00	200.94
55-60#	1,974	190.00 - 254.00	196.06
60-65#	2,792	190.00 - 254.00	195.97
65-75#	5,459	190.00 - 249.00	192.66
75-85#	4,926	190.00 - 210.00	193.54
85-UP	1,404	190.00 - 210.00	193.46

CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 5		Head	125
Weight	Head	Price Range	Wt Avg
65-DN	0	-	
65-75#			
75-85#			
85-UP			

CERTIFIED FRESH AMERICAN LAMB		Head	92
Weight	Head	Price Range	Wt Avg
UNGRADED		Head	677
Weight	Head	Price Range	Wt Avg
45-DN	127	83.50 - 243.00	176.78
45-55#	66	72.00 - 173.00	115.83
55-65#	106	72.00 - 160.00	120.50
65-75#	154	72.00 - 173.00	141.57
75-85#	106	105.00 - 160.00	140.85
85-UP	118	101.00 - 182.00	119.24

USDA Estimated National Lamb Carcass Cutout

(Based on weighted average prices, industry cutting yields)

CUTS	FOB PRICE	PLANT CHANGE	PERCENT OF CARCASS	LBS.
FORESADDLE				
204 RACK, 8-RIB MEDIUM	672.47	-9.03	10.51%	7.35
209 BREAST **	52.58	0.79	9.06%	6.34
207 SHOULDERS, SQ-CUT	160.40	-0.87	23.65%	16.56
210 FORESHANK	228.75	-1.01	3.86%	2.70
NECK **	53.03	0.00	2.06%	1.44
HINDSADDLE				
232 LOINS, TRIMMED 4X4	400.46	-3.06	10.65%	7.46
232E FLANK UNTRIMMED **	40.43	1.06	3.51%	2.46
233A LEG, TROTTER OFF	245.70	-0.93	31.42%	21.99
GROSS CARCASS VALUE	244.54	-1.70	94.72%	66.31
FORESADDLE VALUE	250.85	-2.28	49.14%	34.40
HINDSADDLE VALUE	266.06	-1.27	45.58%	31.91

Carcass value less process/packaging per cwt cost of \$30.00
NET CARCASS VALUE 214.54 -1.70

* Shrink and trim of 3.69#'s not reflected in cutout value
* Based on Actual Federally Inspected Slaughter Carcass
Weight: 70 lbs. for W/E 03/22/2003

**Includes Fresh and Frozen Product

Actual Slaughter Under Federal Inspection

For W/E 3/22/2003

Monday 12,039
Tuesday 11,920
Wednesday 11,500
Thursday 12,343
Friday 9,677
Saturday 1,780

Total 59,259

Lambs & Yearlings 96.4%
Mature Sheep 3.6%

Red Meat Production

(Estimated, except *Actual*)

Production Mil.Lbs.

05-Apr-2003 4.7
29-Mar-2003 4.5
Change 4.4%
06-Apr-2002 4.1
Change 14.6%
2003 YTD: 51.5
*2002 YTD: * 59.7
Change -13.8%
22-Mar-2003 4.1

Average Live Weights

05-Apr-2003 139
29-Mar-2003 139
06-Apr-2002 143
22-Mar 2003 138

Dressed

05-Apr-2003 70
29-Mar-2003 70
06-Apr-2002 72
22-Mar-2003 70

Slaughter

05-Apr-2003 67,000
29-Mar-2003 64,000
Change 4.7%
06-Apr-2002 57,000
Change 17.5%
2003 YTD: 760,000
*2002 YTD: *856,000
Change -11.2%

New Zealand Meat and Wool Export

Lamb: There was little change in market returns from NZ markets last week, with exchange rate benefits equalled by some softening of prices for legs in UK and in markets for flaps and forequarters.

		Week Ending 29-Mar-03	Previous Week 22-Mar-03
Lamb (\$/Head)	Fat Cover (mm)		
	24 lbs	16.57	16.73
	33 lbs	30.47	30.83
	46 lbs	39.48	39.83
Pelt Ewe (\$/Head)	1 lb	1.49	1.50
Wool (c/cwt clean)	(microns)		
	Fine	316.61	310.71
	Medium	263.09	264.90
	Coarse	109.32	109.77

New Zealand Export Slaughter Rate	Week Ending 15-Mar-03	Week Ending 08-Mar-03
Beef:	59,000	55,000
Lamb:	923,000	930,000
Mutton:	148,000	140,000

Notes: All prices are U.S. Dollars. All meat prices are carcass based and net to farmers. Lamb values include a 1 kg shorn pelt. Ewe values at 0.5 kg pelt.

Canadian Federally Inspected Slaughter

	Current 15-Mar-03	Week Ago 08-Mar-03	Year Ago 16-Mar-02	3/15/03 YTD	3/16/02 YTD	%Change
Cattle:	63,876	63,848	55,411	651,052	647,653	0.5%
Calves:	5,016	3,765	3,971	47,856	50,387	-5.0%
Sheep:	2,587	2,910	3,540	29,109	28,509	2.1%
Hogs:	423,832	422,466	385,707	4,644,834	4,355,409	6.6%

Canadian Live Animal Imports by State of Entry

		Week/Ending March 22, 2003					
State	Sheep	Fdr	Slghtr Lambs	Slghtr Ewes	Brdng Males	Brdng Females	Total
Maine	20	0	0	0	0	0	20
Michigan	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
Montana	0	792	0	0	0	0	792
North Dakota	0	681	0	0	0	0	681
New York	0	551	0	0	0	0	551
Total	20	2,024	0	0	0	10	2,054

Texas Sheep Export Figures

Thursday, 4/03/2003	WEEK-TO-DATE	YR-TO-DATE	PREV YTD	PERCENT
		2003	*2002*	CHANGE
Slaughter				
Lambs	0	0	19,152	
Ewes	0	2,653	89,553	
Breeding Males	0	0	66	27
Breeding Female	0	0	319	61
Total	0	2,653	108,793	-46.50%

Lamb & Mutton Imports

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	METRIC TONS Manufact	OF LAMB Carcasses	FOR REPORTING PERIOD: Cuts	2/09/2003-2/15/2003 Misc Fresh	Processed	TOTAL
Australia	0	33	333	3	0	366
Canada	0	0	10	0	0	10
New Zealand	0	9	395	0	0	404
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	42	738	0	0	780

	METRIC TONS	OF MUTTON	FOR REPORTING PERIOD: 2/09/2003-2/15/2003			
Australia	0	0	125	0	0	125
Canada	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	125	0	0	125

LAMB & MUTTON		Australia	N Zeal	Canada	Other	Total
Wk Ending	15-Feb-03	491	404	10	0	905
Prev Week	08-Feb-03	540	244	1	0	785
Year Ago	16-Feb-02	707	454	22	0	1,183
2002 YTD		5,961	2,616	73	6	8,656
2003 YTD		5,116	2,076	40	0	7,232
2003 Compared to 2002 by %		85.82%	79.36%	54.79%	0.00%	83.55%

Regional Weekly Summaries

Mountain Areas and Western United States Sheep

Feeder lamb trading slow this week. Comparable sales steady. Sales fob with overnight stand or 4% shrink. Per cwt basis.

Slaughter ewes, feeder lambs or ewes going for Export to Mexico: Trading at a virtual standstill. Lower undertone noted.

Replacement ewes and ewe lambs: Trading very slow due to very limited supplies. Demand good to very good for ewe lambs, yearlings and solid mouth ewes.

South Central Direct Sheep

Feeder Lambs: Compared to last week feeder lambs firm. Trading fairly active, demand good. Supplies of new crop lambs are increasing. Good spring grazing and favorable weather conditions have made lambs heavier than expected.

Slaughter Ewes: Compared to last week slaughter ewes steady.

Replacement Ewes: No test.

Slaughter Meat Goats: Compared to last week slaughter goats steady.

Eastern Cornbelt Direct Sheep

Compared to last week, slaughter lambs were mostly 1.00-4.00 lower. Ewes were firm to 2.00 higher. Goats were steady. Demand was moderate to good. Trading was slow ahead of the Easter holiday. Carlot lamb carcass prices were weak to 2.50 lower. Confirmed sales this week about 66% slaughter lambs, 34% ewes and an additional 372 head of goats.

Total sheep and lambs sales 825, last week 825 and year ago 850.

Sioux Falls Weekly Sheep Auction

Slaughter lambs steady. Slaughter Ewes steady to 1.00 higher. Feeder Lambs steady on a thin test. Supplies near 44 percent slaughter lambs with about 49 percent slaughter ewes and the balance mostly feeder lambs. Receipts this week 733 compared with 684 last week and 461 a year ago.

Weekly Lamb Pelts

WEEKLY LAMB PELTS PRICE REPORT, FOB Major Production Points

Per Piece Price

Activity last week, compared to previous week: Packer sorted, green, salted pelts full steady. Trade slow to moderate for light to moderate offerings. Export and Domestic demand moderate and well balanced with offerings.

PELT TYPES:PACKER, SEED FREE, MOSTLY GOOD DENSITY WOOL

SHORN	Price Range	UNSHORN	Price Range
Fall Clips	12.00 -15.00	Wools(tanning)	7.00 - 8.00
No. 1	10.00 -13.00	(Pulling)	2.00 - 5.00
No. 2	9.00 -11.00	Western Slope	
No. 3	2.00 - 6.00	Spring Lambs	9.50 -11.50
No. 4	2.00 - 5.00	California	

Imperial's	Kansas
Fall Clips	Midwest
No. 1	Native(Gray)
No. 2	

National Wool Review

Domestic wool trading remains slow although shearing activity increased following recent rain and snow across most of the U.S. Demand for wools moderate. Comparable prices mostly steady to weak. Clean prices have worked significantly lower than several weeks ago. This, in combination with lower yields in many areas due to drought, have resulted in less net \$\$ to producers than earlier expectations. Overall world demand light to moderate with some countries not participating in weekly auctions.

Territory trading: MT - Sweetgrass, Stillwater and Upper Mussleshell Wool Pools: 3-3.5 inch wools: 14,580 lbs visually graded 64's (22-22.5 micron)OB, BOU, 2.32 clean; 51,246 lbs visually graded 62's, OB, BOU, (23-24 micron) 2.22; 57,105 lbs Choice medium whiteface (25-27 micron) 2.07 clean; 24,237 lbs OB, BOU 24-27 micron 1.95 clean; Blackface wool 28-32 micron .4025 greasy, Whiteface bellies 22-26 micron .36 greasy and Tags .125. All prices net fob delivery point. Several clips totaling 80,000 lbs, OB, BOU, 23-24 micron 3 inch plus 2.15-2.25 clean del and fob. CO - 10,000 lbs OB, BOU 22.5 micron, 3 inch, avg yield 1.10 fob greasy. 70,000 lbs OB, BOU, 3 inch, 23-25 micron wool 1.08-1.10 fob. 12,000 lbs OB, BOU, 22 micron at 2.30 clean fob. Feedlot ewe wool: 65,000 lbs 1.5-3 inch, 22-26 micron .65 and 26-33 micron .50 fob greasy. CA - 50,000 lbs OB, BOU, staple, avg yield, 22-23 micron 1.00 net fob. AZ - 100,000 lbs OB, BOU, staple, 22-24 micron 1.05 fob greasy. WY - 10,000 lbs staple 23 micron 2.40 clean del. Numerous clips totaling 40,000 lbs 22-23 micron, low to avg yield, Staple length, 1.07-1.12 net greasy fob. NV - 12,000 lbs OB, BOU, 3 inch 23 micron, avg yield, 1.19 fob greasy. No warehouse trading reported.

Mohair trading very slow, few sales of adult mostly steady. 40,000 lbs OB and graded adult 34-36 micron 1.00 fob. 41,000 lbs OB Spring Kid 26-28 micron at 3.50, Light defect at 3.15. 28-29 micron kid at 3.30.

South Africa held the 4th sale of the season this week. World political and economic uncertainty negatively impacted sales, undertone lower with light demand. The Rand 7.88 to US \$, last sale 7.97. A total of 207,000kg offered with sales at 71%. Next sale Apr 15. All kid hair avg 5.59 US \$ per pound; Young Goat 3.03; Fine Adult 1.57 and Strong Adult 1.48. Detailed quotations: Long Kid Hair: Less than 26 micron 5.12-13.66, avg 9.45. 26-28 micron 5.01-6.60, avg 5.81; over 28 micron 3.98-5.41, avg 4.89. Young Goat: Less than 30 micron 3.98-5.18, avg 4.61; 30-32 micron 2.85-5.01, avg 3.70 and over 32 micron 1.71-3.13, avg 2.33. Adult: Less than 34 micron 1.54-1.99, avg 1.76; 34-36 micron 1.48-2.16, avg 1.59; 36-38 micron 1.48-1.59, avg 1.54 and over 38 micorn 1.42-1.57, avg 1.48. All US prices per lb.

Australian Eastern Market Indicator closed up 32 at 1093 cents/kg clean. A total of 32,644 bales offered with clearance at 89%. 21 Micron greasy contracts for Apr down 35 at 1194, Jun down 47 at 1178, Aug down 47 1153, Oct down 88 at 1117, Dec down 112 at 1106 and Apr down 109 at 1094. 19 Micron cash clean contracts: Apr up 65 at 1242, Jun up 56 at 1239, Aug up 85 at 1238 and Oct up 97 1225. 23 micron clean wool contracts: Apr up 21 at 1148, Jun up 16 at 1135, Aug up 14 at 1102, and Oct down 9 at 1084. Next sale an estimated at 75,000 bales. The Australian \$ compared to the US \$ at .5984 compared to .5286 last year. Last years Indicator 942A.

New Zealand wool sales included a 1 cent increase in Strong wools to close at 422NZ cents/kg and lamb wool up 4 at 426. A total of 26,553 Bales offered (3,263 clean tones) with clearance at 86%. The NZ \$ is .5482 vs the US \$ compared to .4065 last year.

U.S. GRADED TERRITORY WOOL (WA,OR,INTERMTN STATES, AZ,NM,DAK,NE,KS,OK --WIDE RANGE OF COLOR AND SHRINK)

USDA GRADE	CLEAN PRICE	PRICE DEL'D	YIELD %	GREASE EQUIV PRICE DEL'D	YIELD %	GREASE PRICE DEL'D
(No adjustment for freight or handling included)						
70's	\$2.50	-2.70	54	1.35-1.46	50	1.25-1.35
			46	1.15-1.24	43	1.08-1.16

(19.15-20.59 um) min 3"			52	1.25-1.35	48	1.15-1.25
64'S	\$2.40	-2.60	44	1.06-1.14	38	.91- .99

(20.6-22.04 um) min 3"			47	1.03-1.18	43	.95-1.08
62'S	2.20	-2.50	47			
(22.05-23.49 um) min 3"			47	.89-1.06	43	.82- .97

60'S	1.90	-2.25	52	.88-1.12	46	.78- .99
(23.5-24.9 um) min 3"			52			
58'S	1.70	-2.15	52			

(24.95-26.39 um) min 3 1/4"			52	.73- .96	46	.64- .85
56'S	1.40	-1.85	53	.53- .80	47	.47- .71
(26.4-27.84 um) min 3 1/4"			53			

54'S	1.00	-1.50	53	.45- .53	47	.40- .47
(27.85-29.29 um) min 3 1/2"			53			
50'S	.85	-1.00	53	.42- .48	47	.38- .42

(29.3-30.99 um) Min 3"			53			
46-48's	.80	-.90	53			
(31.0-34.4 um) Min 3"						

GRADED FLEECE WOOL

(DAK'S, NE, KS, OK, MN, WI, IA, MO)						
54'S	1.00	-1.30	54	.54- .70	47	.47- .61
(27.85-29.29 um) min 3 1/2"			53	.48- .53	47	.42- .47

50'S	.90	-1.00	53	.42- .48	47	.38 - .42
(29.3-30.99 um) min 3"			53			
46-48's	.80	-.90	53			

(31.0-34.4 um) min 3"						
FLEECE STATES ORIGINAL BAG WOOL (Usually Bellies In)						
(DAK'S, NE, KS, OK, MN, WI, IA, MO) min 3.5 inch length						

54'S	1.00	-1.10	52	.52- .57	45	.45- .50
50'S	.80	-.90	51	.41- .46	45	.36- .41
46-48'S	.80	-.90	51	.36- .46	45	.32- .41

FLEECE STATES, NATIVE MEDIUM LAMB WOOL (Usually Bellies In)						
(DAK'S, NE, KS, OK, MN, WI, IA, MO)						
54-58'S	1.00	-1.20	50	.50- .60	45	.45- .54

(25-29 um 2-2.5 inch)			47	.33- .47	42	.29- .42
54-58's	.70	- 1.00	47			
(25-29 um 1.5-2 inch						

TEXAS ORIGINAL BAG WOOL						
70's	2.40	-2.60	54	1.30-1.40	50	1.20-1.30
			46	1.10-1.20	43	1.03-1.12

(19.15-20.5 um min 2 3/4"			54	1.24-1.35	50	1.15-1.25
64'S	2.30	-2.50	46	1.06-1.15	43	.99-1.08

(20.6-22.04 um) min 2 3/4"						
TERRITORY ORIGINAL BAG WOOL						
64'S	2.30	-2.50	53	1.22-1.33	48	1.10-1.20

			43	.99-1.08	39	.87- .98
(20.6-22.04 um) min 3"			53	1.17-1.27	48	1.06-1.15
62's	2.20	-2.40	43	.95-1.03	39	.86- .94

(22.05-23.49 um) min 3"						
Wool Tags - delivered to buyer, prices greasy basis						
# 1	.15	- .25				

# 2	.13	- .20				
# 3	.04	- .10				

AUSTRALIAN WOOL SALES - PRICES DELIVERED CHARLESTON, S.C.

ALL SCHLUMBERGER DRY BASIS

MICRON	US GRADE	CLEAN, DEL PRICE IN U.S. \$
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18	80'S	3.71
19	80'S	3.49
20	70'S	3.41
21	64-70'S	3.38
22	64'S	3.35
23	62'S	3.27
24	60-62'S	3.13
25	58'S	2.87
26	56-58'S	2.71
28	54'S	2.13
30	50'S	1.75

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Market Indicator at 1093 cents/kg clean

Exchange rate of Australian \$.5984 U.S. \$.

Market News Sources



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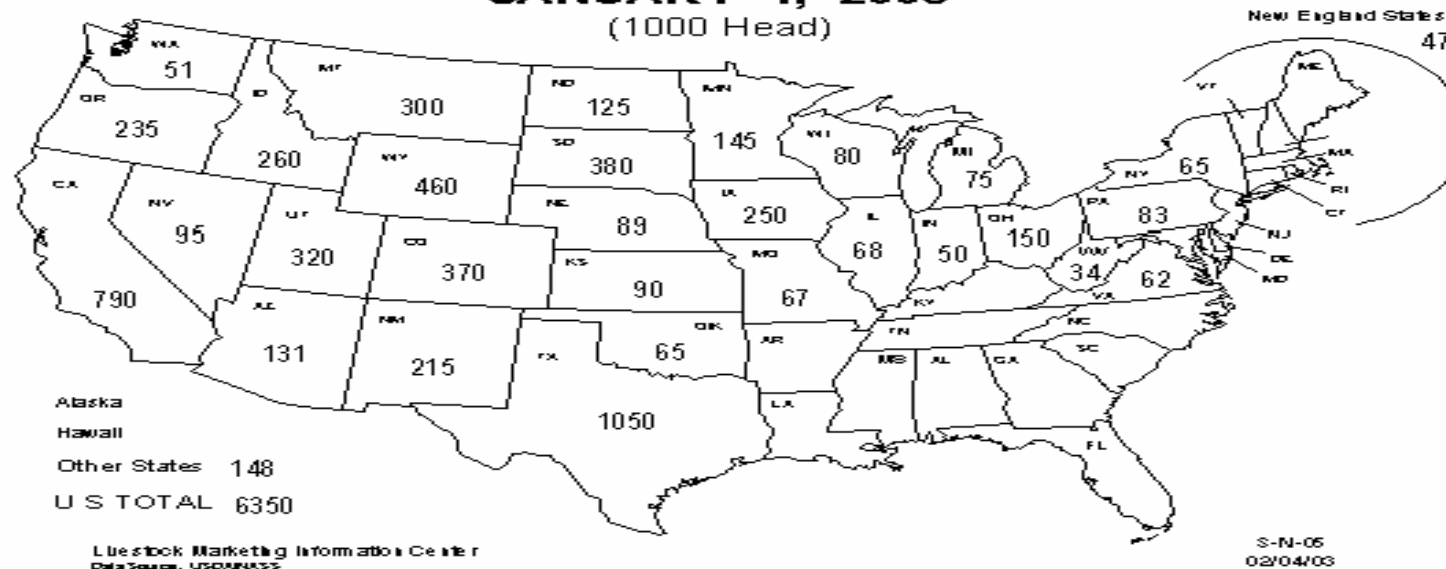
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